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\$8 million new school had been constructed in northwest Omaha, out there where the white people live. It had air-conditioning, it had carpeting, and there was emphasis on the library that was well stocked with books. And in my community, there are not even textbooks to go around. That's the kind of stuff they put in our face, and we're supposed to accept it and not be disturbed by it. So when I see programs of the kind that I'm talking about here, which is supposedly going to recruit teachers, and they're supposed to be good teachers, what do I care about that? What does that have in terms of meaning for the poor children who have been left behind and who are being It has no meaning. As we get closer to cheated right now? talking about these wonderful people called teachers, I'm going to show you where the Omaha teacher's union wanted to get a provision where they could not be transferred against their will into these "bad areas", as they called them. They don't want to teach where they're needed. And I'm supposed to believe they're dedicated people? So you get doctors who say, I will treat anybody who has a hangmail, I'll treat anybody who has an eyelash that got in their eye, but if it's an operation that has to be performed, if there's a broken bone that has to be reset. don't want to do that; that's not the kind of doctor I am. Then when people who understand the nature of medicine, not from having set the standards themselves but from having read what doctors and other medical practitioners have said the profession about, we'll use those standards and condemn these worthless Then those worthless doctors and their defenders put doctors. up a pitiful mouth and say, you should not say that; these are good people; they're dealing with the sick. They're being paid more than what their worth. those who manage the system do not allocate resources on the basis of need. They do not do that now, they never have done it, they never will do it. Mackiel went from his arrogant, pompous, protestations about how wonderful things were going to be in these resegregated academies, as they called them, is now whining and whimpering about, well, we're doing the best we can; that's certainly not acceptable, when he's talking about the worsening test scores that those of us who oppose the resegregation told him was going to happen. Everybody knew it would happen. It has always happened where there is segregation. And there is racial segregation in Omaha. It's